

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Tuesday, February 13, 2001

### SENATE

#### Measures Introduced:

**S. 304.** *A bill to reduce illegal drug use and trafficking and to help provide appropriate drug education, prevention, and treatment programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

*A...In addition, this bill will reauthorize drug courts another step I proposed in the Drug Free Prisons Act and create juvenile drug courts. Finally, the bill directs the Sentencing Commission to review and amend penalties for a number of drug crimes involving children...@*

Hatch

*Pages S 1270, S 1314-21*

**S. 305.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to remove the reduction in the amount of Survivor Benefit Plan annuities at age 62; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Smith

*Pages S 1270, S 1321-4*

**S. 310.** *A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 1 Courthouse Way in Boston, Massachusetts, as the AJohn Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse;@ to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.*

Kennedy

*Pages S 1270, S 1327*

**S. 316.** A bill to provide for teacher liability protection; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

McConnell

*Pages S 1270, S 1338-40*

**S. 317.** A bill to establish grants for drug treatment alternative to prison programs administered by State or local prosecutors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Schumer

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**S. 318.** A bill to *prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information* with respect to health insurance; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Daschle

*Pages S 1270, S 1340-4*

**S. 320.** A bill to make technical corrections in patent, copyright, and trademark laws; *placed on the calendar.*

Hatch

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#### **S. 320. Patent, Copyright, and Trademarks Laws Technical Correction--Agreement:**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of **S. 320**, to make technical corrections in patent, copyright, and trademark laws, at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, February 14, 2001.

*Pages S 1353, D 120*

#### **Appointments:**

**James Madison Commemoration Commission Advisory Committee:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106-550, announced the appointment of Steven G. Calabresi of Illinois, and Forrest McDonald of Alabama to serve as members of the James Madison Commemoration Commission Advisory Committee.

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#### **Executive Communications:**

**EC-573.** A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, *transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled AClarification of Parole Authority@((RIN1115-AF53)(INS2001-99))* received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**EC-574.** A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, *transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled AClarification of Parole Authority; Delay of Effective Date@((RIN1115-AF53)(INS2004-99))* received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**Committee Meeting For Wednesday, February 14, 2001:**

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** @ 9:30 a.m. To resume hearings on **S. 149**, to provide authority to control exports, and to examine how to establish an effective, modern framework for computer, manufacturing, and electronics export controls, and its potential impact on the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction worldwide. SD-538.

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**Remarks:**

Health Insurance.

Clinton

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The Retired Pay Restoration Act Of 2001.

Reid

*Pages S 1257-8*

**HOUSE**

**Bills Introduced:**

**H.R. 559.** *A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 1 Courthouse Way in Boston, Massachusetts, as the AJohn Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse;@to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.*

McGovern

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**H.R. 560.** A bill to establish an off-budget lockbox to strengthen Social Security and Medicare; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Ross

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**H.R. 568.** A bill to assure equitable treatment of fertility and impotence in health care coverage under group health plans, health insurance coverage, and health plans under the Federal employees' health benefits program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Andrews

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**Bills Introduced (Cont=d):**

**H.R. 570.** *A bill to repeal the requirement relating to specific statutory authorization for increases in*

*judicial salaries, to provide for automatic annual increases for judicial salaries, to provide for a 9.6 percent increase in judicial salaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Biggert

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**H.R. 572.** *A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund be excluded from the budget of the United States Government; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.*

Bilikarkis

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**H.R. 576.** A bill to make emergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Appropriations.

Dicks

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**H.R. 579.** A bill to *amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code*, to make available to Federal employees the option of obtaining health benefits coverage for dependent parents; to the Committee on Government Reform.

Engel

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**H.R. 583.** A bill to *establish the Commission for the Comprehensive Study of Privacy Protection*; to the Committee on Government Reform.

Hutchinson

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**H.R. 602.** A bill to *prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance*; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Slaughter

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**H.J. Res. 16.** A joint resolution *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States* establishing English as the official language of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Doolittle

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**H.J. Res. 17.** A joint resolution *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States* to provide a new procedure for appointment of Electors for the election of the President and Vice President; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Engel

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**H.J. Res. 18.** A joint resolution proposing *an amendment to the Constitution of the United States* to provide a new procedure for appointment of Electors for the election of the President and Vice President; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Engel

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### Suspension:

**The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:**

**Social Security and Medicare Lockbox Act: H.R. 2, amended**, to establish a procedure to safeguard the combined surpluses of the Social Security and Medicare hospital insurance trust funds (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 407 yeas to 2 nays with 4 voting A present, @ Roll No. 13 ). Agreed to amend the title. Earlier, agreed to re-refer the bill to the Committees on the Budget and Rules.

*Pages H 277-8, D 121*

**Committee Election:**

*The House agreed to H. Res. 37*, electing *Mr. Sanders of Vermont* to the Committees on Financial Services and Government Reform.

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**Consideration of Electronic Commerce Enhancement Act on Wednesday, February 14:**

Agreed that it be in order on Wednesday, February 14 for the Speaker to entertain a motion to suspend the rules relating to **H.R. 524**, Electronic Commerce Enhancement Act of 2001.

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**Consideration of Bill Designating the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston, Massachusetts:**

*Agreed that it be in order on Wednesday, February 14, without intervention of any point of order to consider H.R. 559, to designate the United States courthouse located at 1 Courthouse Way in Boston, Massachusetts, as the AJohn Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse, @ that it be considered as read for amendment, and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except one hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and one motion to recommit.*

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**Office Of Compliance Report.**

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**Committee Meeting For Wednesday, February 14, 2001:**

*Committee on the Judiciary, @ 10:00 a.m. To mark up the following bills: H.R. 333, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2001; and H.R. 256, to extend for 11 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted. 2141 Rayburn.*

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**Remarks:**

*Introduction Of The Federal Judicial Fairness Act OF 2001. (H.R. 570)*

*A... Since 1993, Congress has granted Federal judges only three of a possible nine cost-of-living*

*adjustments, leaving our judges with a 13.4 percent decline in purchasing power. Not coincidentally, 54 Federal District Court and Circuit Court judges have left the bench in the 1990s, compared to only three during the entire 1960s. [ ] Absent a change in the way we compensate these judges, I fear that the superior quality of our Federal judicial system may deteriorate over time. This is why I am introducing the Federal Judiciary Fairness Act. The bill restores the six cost-of-living adjustments that Congress failed to grant the Federal judiciary in the 1990s, amounting to an immediate 9.6 percent salary increase...@*

Biggert

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**Mental Health.**

*A... It is now estimated that over a third of our Nation's homeless population are mentally ill, and a 1999 Department of Justice study that we commissioned here showed that even at the Federal prison level, nearly a fifth of those housed have a serious mental illness. And I know that in our local jails, it can be as high as two-thirds...@*

Kaptur

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Court Ruling On Class Act Lawsuit.

Shows

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In Support Of Bipartisan Patient Protection Act Of 2001.

Green

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Health Care Reform.

Pallone

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Social Security Reform.

Smith

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English Language Amendment. (*H.J. Res. 16*)

Doolittle

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Genetic Nondiscrimination In Health Insurance And Employment Act.

Slaughter

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Identity Theft.

Paul

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**Next SENATE MEETING: Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., February 14, 2001.**

**Next HOUSE MEETING: Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., February 14, 2001.**

**OLA: S. Smith, J. Homanich**